

Introduced by Senator Yee

July 2, 2012

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 102—Relative to the Ranger Patricia M. Scully Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 102, as introduced, Yee. Ranger Patricia M. Scully Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 1 north of State Highway Route 84 in San Gregorio, California, as the Ranger Patricia M. Scully Memorial Highway. This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, California Parks and Recreation Service Ranger
2 Patricia M. Scully was born April 8, 1951, in Sacramento,
3 California, to Patrick and Eileen Scully. She was raised on a poultry
4 ranch owned by the Scully family in Rio Linda, California; and
5 WHEREAS, Ranger Scully graduated from Rio Linda High
6 School in June of 1969. She attended American River College for
7 two years where she played on the field hockey team with her
8 sister Mary, and then transferred to California State University,
9 Sacramento, where she received her bachelor of arts degree in
10 social science and anthropology (archaeology) in January 1974.
11 She was an outstanding student and received scholarships and
12 awards of merit for her academic achievements; and

1 WHEREAS, At the time of her untimely death, Ranger Scully
2 was working on a master of science degree in anthropology and
3 environmental resources at California State University, Sacramento,
4 and had completed all coursework and lacked only a thesis; and

5 WHEREAS, Ranger Scully joined the California Parks and
6 Recreation Service in 1974, now named the Department of Parks
7 and Recreation. In late 1974, she graduated from the Parks and
8 Recreation Academy (the Mott Training Center in Asilomar) after
9 six weeks of training. She was one of two women among the 38
10 cadets in academy class 18. Her first assignment after graduation
11 was to the Big Basin State Park where she received additional
12 (interpretative) training; and

13 WHEREAS, Ranger Scully's last assignment was as a State
14 Park Ranger 1 at the Pescadero State Park in Half Moon Bay on
15 the San Mateo coast. When not working, she worked on a historical
16 survey of Ano Nuevo State Beach. She was dedicated to the
17 preservation of the environment and the education of the park
18 visitor. She was a nine-year veteran of the Department of Parks
19 and Recreation at the time of her death; and

20 WHEREAS, While on patrol at San Mateo Coast State Beaches,
21 Half Moon Bay, Ranger Scully was killed by a drunk driver on
22 May 6, 1976. She became the second female law enforcement
23 officer to be killed in California; and

24 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize Ranger Scully's years
25 of dedicated service to the Department of Parks and Recreation
26 and to raise awareness about the service risks present to all peace
27 officers, including rangers with the Department of Parks and
28 Recreation; and

29 WHEREAS, Besides her parents, Patrick and Eileen Scully,
30 Ranger Scully, was survived by four sisters, Kathleen Pooler, West
31 Sacramento; Mary and Teresa Scully, Rio Linda; and Margaret
32 Scully, Berkeley; one brother, Thomas Scully, Santa Cruz; and
33 her fiancée, Park Ranger Leslie Cowie of Stockton; now, therefore,
34 be it

35 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
36 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
37 portion of State Highway Route 1 north of La Honda Road at State
38 Highway Route 84 in San Gregorio, California, as the Ranger
39 Patricia M. Scully Memorial Highway; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
2 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
3 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this
4 special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
5 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
6 further

7 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
8 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
9 author for appropriate distribution.

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